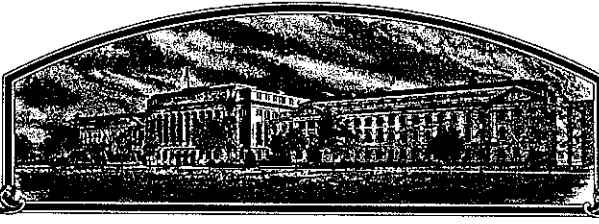


No.

8800174



THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Asgrow Seed Company

Whereas, THERE HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO THE

Secretary of Agriculture

AN APPLICATION REQUESTING A CERTIFICATE OF PROTECTION FOR AN ALLEGED NOVEL VARIETY OF SEXUALLY REPRODUCED PLANT, THE NAME AND DESCRIPTION OF WHICH ARE CONTAINED IN THE APPLICATION AND EXHIBITS, A COPY OF WHICH IS HEREUNTO ANNEXED AND MADE A PART HEREOF, AND THE VARIOUS REQUIREMENTS OF LAW IN SUCH CASES MADE AND PROVIDED HAVE BEEN COMPLIED WITH, AND THE TITLE THERETO IS, FROM THE RECORDS OF THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE, IN THE APPLICANT(S) INDICATED IN THE SAID COPY, AND WHEREAS, UPON DUE EXAMINATION MADE, THE SAID APPLICANT(S) IS (ARE) ADJUDGED TO BE ENTITLED TO A CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION UNDER THE LAW.

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION IS TO GRANT UNTO THE SAID APPLICANT(S) AND THE SUCCESSORS, HEIRS OR ASSIGNS OF THE SAID APPLICANT(S) FOR THE TERM OF *eighteen* YEARS FROM THE DATE OF THIS GRANT, SUBJECT TO THE PAYMENT OF THE REQUIRED FEES AND PERIODIC REPLENISHMENT OF VIABLE BASIC SEED OF THE VARIETY IN A PUBLIC REPOSITORY AS PROVIDED BY LAW, THE RIGHT TO EXCLUDE OTHERS FROM SELLING THE VARIETY, OR OFFERING IT FOR SALE, OR REPRODUCING IT, OR IMPORTING IT, OR EXPORTING IT, OR USING IT IN PRODUCING A HYBRID OR DIFFERENT VARIETY THEREFROM, TO THE EXTENT PROVIDED BY THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION ACT (STAT. 1542, AS AMENDED, 7 U.S.C. 2321 ET SEQ.)

SOYBEAN

'A3415'

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Plant Variety Protection Office to be affixed at the City of Washington, D. C. this 28th day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-nine.

Attest:

Kenneth H. Evans
Commissioner
Plant Variety Protection Office
Agricultural Marketing Service

Clayton Yentler
Secretary of Agriculture

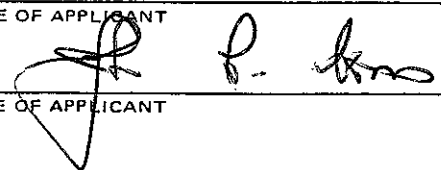
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE

FORM APPROVED: OMB NO. 0581-0055

APPLICATION FOR PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION CERTIFICATE

(Instructions on reverse)

Application is required in order to determine if a plant variety protection certificate is to be issued (7 U.S.C. 2421). Information is held confidential until certificate is issued (7 U.S.C. 2426).

1. NAME OF APPLICANT(S) Asgrow Seed Company		2. TEMPORARY DESIGNATION XP3415	3. VARIETY NAME A3415
4. ADDRESS (Street and No. or R.F.D. No., City, State, and Zip Code) 9626-190-29 Kalamazoo, Mi 49001		5. PHONE (Include area code) (616) 385-6608	FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY VPPO NUMBER 8800174
6. GENUS AND SPECIES NAME Glycine max	7. FAMILY NAME (Botanical) Leguminosae		FILING DATE June 17, 1988 TIME 1:30 <input type="checkbox"/> A.M. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> P.M.
8. KIND NAME Soybean	9. DATE OF DETERMINATION September 1982		AMOUNT FOR FILING \$ 1800.00 DATE May 16, 1988 AMOUNT FOR CERTIFICATE \$ 200.00 DATE Dec. 6, 1988
10. IF THE APPLICANT NAMED IS NOT A "PERSON," GIVE FORM OF ORGANIZATION (Corporation, partnership, association, etc.) Corporation			FEE RECEIVED
11. IF INCORPORATED, GIVE STATE OF INCORPORATION Delaware			12. DATE OF INCORPORATION March 22, 1968
13. NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT REPRESENTATIVE(S), IF ANY, TO SERVE IN THIS APPLICATION AND RECEIVE ALL PAPERS John E. Cross 9626-190-29 Asgrow Seed Company Kalamazoo, Michigan 49001 PHONE (Include area code): (616) 385-6608			
14. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX FOR EACH ATTACHMENT SUBMITTED			
a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit A, Origin and Breeding History of the Variety (See Section 52 of the Plant Variety Protection Act.)			
b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit B, Novelty Statement.			
c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit C, Objective Description of Variety (Request form from Plant Variety Protection Office.)			
d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit D, Additional Description of Variety.			
e. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit E, Statement of the Basis of Applicant's Ownership.			
15. DOES THE APPLICANT(S) SPECIFY THAT SEED OF THIS VARIETY BE SOLD BY VARIETY NAME ONLY AS A CLASS OF CERTIFIED SEED? (See Section 83(a) of the Plant Variety Protection Act.) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (If "Yes," answer items 16 and 17 below) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
16. DOES THE APPLICANT(S) SPECIFY THAT THIS VARIETY BE LIMITED AS TO NUMBER OF GENERATIONS? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		17. IF "YES" TO ITEM 16, WHICH CLASSES OF PRODUCTION BEYOND BREEDER SEED? <input type="checkbox"/> Foundation <input type="checkbox"/> Registered <input type="checkbox"/> Certified	
18. DID THE APPLICANT(S) PREVIOUSLY FILE FOR PROTECTION OF THE VARIETY IN THE U.S.? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (If "Yes," give date) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
19. HAS THE VARIETY BEEN RELEASED, OFFERED FOR SALE, OR MARKETED IN THE U.S. OR OTHER COUNTRIES? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (If "Yes," give names of countries and dates) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
20. The applicant(s) declare(s) that a viable sample of basic seeds of this variety will be furnished with the application and will be replenished upon request in accordance with such regulations as may be applicable. The undersigned applicant(s) is (are) the owner(s) of this sexually reproduced novel plant variety, and believe(s) that the variety is distinct, uniform, and stable as required in Section 41, and is entitled to protection under the provisions of Section 42 of the Plant Variety Protection Act. Applicant(s) is (are) informed that false representation herein can jeopardize protection and result in penalties.			
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT 			DATE May 2, 1988
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT			DATE

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EXHIBIT A

Origin and Breeding History of A3415

1979 - Cross was made at Oxford, Indiana

PARENTS: (Williams² * PI88.788) * (Corsoy² * PI88.788)

1979-80 - F₁ and F₂ generations grown at Delray Beach, Florida.

1980 - F₃ generation grown at Oxford, Indiana and advanced by modified single seed descent.

1981 - F₄ generation grown at Oxford, Indiana. One-hundred and ninety six plants were selected from the bulk population and threshed individually.

1982 - Progeny row B79508-B82-17488 was selected for its uniformity, standability and cyst nematode resistance at Oxford, Indiana. This row was harvested in bulk and seeds were checked and verified for uniform seed coat luster, hilum color and SCN resistance.

It was September, 1982, that B79508-B82-17488 was determined to be a stable and unique line.

1983 - B79508-B82-17488 was entered in the preliminary P323 yield test (entry 36) which was grown at Oxford, Indiana and Stonington, Illinois. It produced uniform stands and was selected for its high yield, standability, good plant health and SCN resistance.

1984 - Because of its good yield potential, B79508-B82-17488 was put into the N308, an advanced yield trial for cyst resistant lines grown at seven locations including the states of Iowa, Indiana and Illinois. Because of its high yield and SCN resistance, it was selected and given the experimental designation X3415. Breeders seed was produced at Stonington, Illinois by bulking 59 uniform sublines of X3415.

1985 - X3415 was grown in advanced yield tests at seven locations in Iowa, Illinois and Indiana, and again had consistently high yields. 26 units of Basic I was grown at Perry, Iowa and held in cold storage.

1986 - X3415 was grown in several advanced tests (V301, N303) at seventeen locations including the states of Iowa, Illinois, Indiana and Ohio, and again had consistently high yields. It was given the maturity designation XP3415. 40 additional units of Basic I seed was grown at Perry, Iowa in 1986.

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Exhibit A continued.....

1987 - XP3415 was grown in 3 different advanced yield trials at 19 different locations in Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Nebraska and Ohio. Performance was again consistently superior, so XP3415 was nominated for release and fall production and assigned the designation A3415. 2,250 bushels of Foundation seed of A3415 was produced at Perry, Iowa from the Basic I seed.

Trial evaluations since 1982 indicate A3415 is uniform and stable. As with other soybean varieties, variants can occur for almost any characteristic during the course of repeated sexual reproduction.

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EXHIBIT B

Novelty Statement Concerning A3415 Soybean

To our knowledge the soybean varieties that most closely resemble A3415 are Cartter, Asgrow A3307, Asgrow A3420, Asgrow A3427, Asgrow A3659, and Fayette. Characteristics which differentiate A3415 include, but are not necessarily restricted to, the following:

	1. <u>Flower Color</u>	2. <u>Pubescence Color</u>	3. <u>Hilum Color</u>	4. <u>Pod Wall Color</u>	5. <u>PRR^{a.)}</u>	6. <u>SCN^{b.)}</u>
A3415	White	Tawny	Black	Tan	rps	3,4
Cartter	White	Tawny	Black	Tan	rps	3,4
A3307	White	Tawny	Black	Tan	rps	3,4
A3420	White	Tawny	Black	Tan	Rpsla	None
A3427	Purple	Tawny	Black	Tan	Rpsla	None
A3659	Purple	Tawny	Black	Tan	rps	None
Fayette	White	Tawny	Black	Tan	rps	3,4
	<u>Peroxidase</u>	<u>Maturity^{c.)}</u>	<u>Lodging^{d.)}</u>	<u>Height^{e.)}</u>	<u>% Protein</u>	<u>% Oil</u>
A3415	High	0	2.0	43	44.8	20.9
Cartter	High	-7	2.0	43	44.8	20.9
A3307	High	-2	1.7	42	48.0	19.6
A3420	High	---	---	---	----	----
A3427	High	---	---	---	----	----
A3659	High	---	---	---	----	----
Fayette	High	+3	3.0	44	45.8	20.4

a.) Gene for resistance to Phytophthora megasperma Drechs. f.sp. glycinea.

b.) Resistant to these races of Heterodera glycines Ichinohe, (soybean cyst nematode)

c.) Days earlier (-) or later (+) than A3415. (minimum of 5 locations, 3 replications per location).

d.) Lodging 1 - 5 (1 = No lodging 5 = All plants flat)

e.) Height in inches.

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LIVESTOCK, MEAT, GRAIN & SEED DIVISION
PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE
BELTSVILLE, MARYLAND 20705

EXHIBIT C
(Soybean)

OBJECTIVE DESCRIPTION OF VARIETY
SOYBEAN (*Glycine max* L.)

NAME OF APPLICANT(S) Asgrow Seed Company	TEMPORARY DESIGNATION XP3415	VARIETY NAME A3415
ADDRESS (Street and No., or R.F.D. No., City, State, and Zip Code) 9626-190-29 Gull Road, Bldg. 190 Kalamazoo, MI 49001		FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY PVPO NUMBER 8800174

Choose the appropriate response which characterizes the variety in the features described below. When the number of significant digits in your answer is fewer than the number of boxes provided, place a zero in the first box when number is 9 or less (e.g.,). Starred characters ★ are considered fundamental to an adequate soybean variety description. Other characters should be described when information is available.

1. SEED SHAPE:



1 = Spherical (L/W, L/T, and T/W ratios = < 1.2)
3 = Elongate (L/T ratio > 1.2; T/W = < 1.2)

2 = Spherical Flattened (L/W ratio > 1.2; L/T ratio = < 1.2)
4 = Elongate Flattened (L/T ratio > 1.2; T/W > 1.2)

★ 2. SEED COAT COLOR: (Mature Seed)

1 = Yellow 2 = Green 3 = Brown 4 = Black 5 = Other (Specify) _____

3. SEED COAT LUSTER: (Mature Hand Shelled Seed)

1 = Dull ('Corsoy 79'; 'Braxton') 2 = Shiny ('Nebsoy'; 'Gasoy 17')

★ 4. SEED SIZE: (Mature Seed)

Grams per 100 seeds

★ 5. HILUM COLOR: (Mature Seed)

1 = Buff 2 = Yellow 3 = Brown 4 = Gray 5 = Imperfect Black 6 = Black 7 = Other (Specify) _____

★ 6. COTYLEDON COLOR: (Mature Seed)

1 = Yellow 2 = Green

★ 7. SEED PROTEIN PEROXIDASE ACTIVITY:

1 = Low 2 = High

★ 8. SEED PROTEIN ELECTROPHORETIC BAND:

1 = Type A (SP1^a) 2 = Type B (SP1^b)

★ 9. HYPOCOTYL COLOR:

1 = Green only ('Evans'; 'Davis') 2 = Green with bronze band below cotyledons ('Woodworth'; 'Tracy')
3 = Light Purple below cotyledons ('Beeson'; 'Pickett 71')
4 = Dark Purple extending to unifoliate leaves ('Hodgson'; 'Coker Hampton 266A')

★ 10. LEAFLET SHAPE:

1 = Lanceolate 2 = Oval 3 = Ovate 4 = Other (Specify) _____

11. LEAFLET SIZE:

☐ 21 = Small ('Amsoy 71'; 'A5312')
3 = Large ('Crawford'; 'Tracy')

2 = Medium ('Corsoy 79'; 'Gasoy 17')

12. LEAF COLOR:

☐ 11 = Light Green ('Weber'; 'York')
3 = Dark Green ('Gnome'; 'Tracy')

2 = Medium Green ('Corsoy 79'; 'Braxton')

★ 13. FLOWER COLOR:

☐ 1

1 = White

2 = Purple

3 = White with purple throat

★ 14. POD COLOR:

☐ 1

1 = Tan

2 = Brown

3 = Black

★ 15. PLANT PUBESCENCE COLOR:

☐ 2

1 = Gray

2 = Brown (Tawny)

16. PLANT TYPES:

☐ 11 = Slender ('Essex'; 'Amsoy 71')
3 = Bushy ('Gnome'; 'Govan')

2 = Intermediate ('Amcor'; 'Braxton')

★ 17. PLANT HABIT:

☐ 3

1 = Determinate ('Gnome'; 'Braxton')

2 = Semi-Determinate ('Will')

3 = Indeterminate ('Nebsoy'; 'Improved Pelican')

★ 18. MATURITY GROUP:

☐ 0 ☐ 61 = 000
9 = VI2 = 00
10 = VII3 = 0
11 = VIII4 = I
12 = IX5 = II
13 = X

6 = III

7 = IV

8 = V

★ 19. DISEASE REACTION: (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant)

BACTERIAL DISEASES:

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☐ 0Bacterial Pustule (*Xanthomonas phaseoli* var. *sojensis*)

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☐ 0Bacterial Blight (*Pseudomonas glycinea*)

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☐ 0Wildfire (*Pseudomonas tabaci*)

FUNGAL DISEASES:

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☐ 0Brown Spot (*Septoria glycines*)Frogeye Leaf Spot (*Cercospora sojina*)

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☐ 0

Race 1

☐ 0

Race 2

☐ 0

Race 3

☐ 0

Race 4

☐ 0

Race 5

☐

Other (Specify)

☐ 0Target Spot (*Corynespora cassicola*)☐ 0Downy Mildew (*Peronospora trifoliorum* var. *manshurica*)☐ 0Powdery Mildew (*Microsphaera diffusa*)

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☐ 0Brown Stem Rot (*Cephalosporium gregatum*)☐ 0Stem Canker (*Diaporthe phaseolorum* var. *caulivora*)

19. DISEASE REACTION: (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant) (Continued)

FUNGAL DISEASES: (Continued)

- ★ ☐ 0 Pod and Stem Blight (*Diaporthe phaseolorum* var; *sojae*)
- ☐ 0 Purple Seed Stain (*Cercospora kikuchii*)
- ☐ 0 Rhizoctonia Root Rot (*Rhizoctonia solani*)
- Phytophthora Rot (*Phytophthora megasperma* var. *sojae*)
- ★ ☐ 1 Race 1 ☐ 1 Race 2 ☐ 1 Race 3 ☐ 1 Race 4 ☐ 1 Race 5 ☐ 1 Race 6 ☐ 1 Race 7
- ☐ 1 Race 8 ☐ 1 Race 9 ☐ 1 Other (Specify) _____

VIRAL DISEASES:

- ☐ 0 Bud Blight (Tobacco Ringspot Virus)
- ☐ 0 Yellow Mosaic (Bean Yellow Mosaic Virus)
- ★ ☐ 0 Cowpea Mosaic (Cowpea Chlorotic Virus)
- ☐ 0 Pod Mottle (Bean Pod Mottle Virus)
- ★ ☐ 0 Seed Mottle (Soybean Mosaic Virus)

NEMATODE DISEASES:

- Soybean Cyst Nematode (*Heterodera glycines*)
- ★ ☐ 0 Race 1 ☐ 0 Race 2 ☐ 2 Race 3 ☐ 2 Race 4 ☐ Other (Specify) _____
- ☐ 0 Lance Nematode (*Hoplolaimus Colombus*)
- ★ ☐ 0 Southern Root Knot Nematode (*Meloidogyne incognita*)
- ★ ☐ 0 Northern Root Knot Nematode (*Meloidogyne Hapla*)
- ☐ 0 Peanut Root Knot Nematode (*Meloidogyne arenaria*)
- ☐ 0 Reniform Nematode (*Rotylenchulus reniformis*)
- ☐ OTHER DISEASE NOT ON FORM (Specify): _____

20. PHYSIOLOGICAL RESPONSES: (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant)

- ★ ☐ 0 Iron Chlorosis on Calcareous Soil
- ☐ Other (Specify) _____

21. INSECT REACTION: (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant)

- ☐ 0 Mexican Bean Beetle (*Epilachna varivestis*)
- ☐ 0 Potato Leaf Hopper (*Empoasca fabae*)
- ☐ Other (Specify) _____

22. INDICATE WHICH VARIETY MOST CLOSELY RESEMBLES THAT SUBMITTED.

CHARACTER	NAME OF VARIETY	CHARACTER	NAME OF VARIETY
Plant Shape	A3420	Seed Coat Luster	Williams 82
Leaf Shape	Williams 82	Seed Size	Fayette
Leaf Color	Williams 82	Seed Shape	A3307
Leaf Size	Williams 82	Seedling Pigmentation	Williams 82

23. GIVE DATA FOR SUBMITTED AND SIMILAR STANDARD VARIETY: Paired Comparison Data

VARIETY	NO. OF DAYS MATURITY	PLANT LODGING SCORE	CM PLANT HEIGHT	LEAFLET SIZE		SEED CONTENT		SEED SIZE G/100 SEEDS	NO. SEEDS/ POD
				CM Width	CM Length	% Protein	% Oil		
A3415 Submitted	137	2.0	109			44.8	20.9	14.3	3
Fayette Name of Similar Variety	141	3.0	112			45.8	20.4	15.1	3

PUBLICATIONS USEFUL AS REFERENCE AIDS FOR COMPLETING THIS FORM:

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EXHIBIT D

Additional Description of the Variety

A3415 is a mid Maturity Group III cultivar which combines a consistently high yield potential with resistance to races 3 and 4 of the soybean cyst nematode. It also combines good standability and tolerance to many leaf and stem diseases with this increased yield potential to provide farmers a superior alternative to the SCN resistant cultivars currently available.

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EXHIBIT E

STATEMENT OF THE BASIS OF APPLICANT'S OWNERSHIP

A3415 was originated and developed by Brian J. Moraghan and H. Dale Weigelt
Asgrow Plant Breeders. By agreement between employees and Asgrow Seed Company,
all rights to any invention, discovery, or development made by an employee are
assigned to the Company. No rights to such invention, discovery, or development
are retained by the employee.